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## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

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DATE & TIME: Thursday, January 12, 2017 • 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

LOCATION: WCCTAC Offices • 6333 Potrero Ave. at San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530

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1. **CALL TO ORDER and SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

*Estimated Time\**: 9:00 , (5 minutes)

Richmond

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Estimated Time\**: 9:05, (5 minutes)

*The public is welcome to address the TAC on any item that is not listed on the agenda. Please fill out a speaker card and hand it to staff. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes. Pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act, no action may be taken on a matter unless it is listed on the agenda, or unless certain emergency or special circumstances exist. The WCCTAC TAC may direct staff to investigate and/or schedule certain matters for consideration at a future TAC meeting.*

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3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Estimated Time\**: 9:10, (5 minutes)

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A. **Minutes & Sign in Sheet from November 17, 2016**

*Recommendation*: Approve as presented.

*Attachment*: Yes

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4. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

A. **San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Project (Lead by ACTC)**

*Description*: This project seeks to build upon existing planning efforts in the corridor to develop an implementable multimodal improvement plan and to prepare and finalize appropriate Caltrans project initiation documents. At present the study area extends from Downtown Oakland to Hilltop Mall.

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*Recommendation*: Consider WCCTAC and CCTA staff's recommendation that West County actively participate in the study.

*Attachment*: Handouts may be provided at the meeting

*Presenter/Lead Staff*: Carolyn Clevenger, ACTC

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*Estimated Time\**: 9:15, (25 minutes)

**B. Review of STMP Funding Requests**

*Description:* In March, 2016 the WCCTAC Board allocated STMP funds to three projects. It gave “priority consideration” in a future funding round to two other projects that did not receive funding at the time. In December, 2016 WCCTAC staff solicited STMP funding requests and received three. Staff ranked these three requests using criteria developed by the TAC.

*Recommendation:* Review WCCTAC’s staff’s proposed recommendation to the WCCTAC Board.

*Attachment:* Yes

*Presenter/Lead Staff:* John Nemeth, WCCTAC Staff

*Estimated Time\*:* **9:40**, (30 minutes)

**C. Update on the OBAG 2 and Measure J Call for Projects**

*Description:* Staff will provide a brief update and will discuss the TAC’s role in evaluating TLC and Safe Routes to School grant applications.

*Recommendation:* Information Only

*Attachment:* No

*Presenter/Lead Staff:* John Nemeth, WCCTAC Staff

*Estimated Time\*:* **10:10**, (15 minutes)

**D. Update on the STMP Nexus Study and Strategic Plan**

*Description:* Staff will provide a brief update on the RFP process

*Recommendation:* Information Only

*Attachment:* None

*Presenter/Lead Staff:* Leah Greenblat, WCCTAC Staff

*Estimated Time\*:* **10:25**, (10 minutes)

**E. Update on the High Capacity Transit Study**

*Description:* Staff will provide a brief update on the current status of the study and upcoming next steps.

*Recommendation:* Information Only

*Attachment:* None

*Presenter/Lead Staff:* Leah Greenblat, WCCTAC Staff

*Estimated Time\*:* **10:35**, (10 minutes)

5. **STANDING ITEMS**

A. **Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Report**

*Recommendation:* Information Only

*Attachment:* No

*Presenter/Lead Staff:* WCCTAC's TCC Representatives & WCCTAC Staff

*Estimated Time\*:* **10:45**, (5 minutes)

B. **Future Agenda Items**

*Recommendation:* Receive update.

*Attachment:* No

*Presenter/Lead Staff:* John Nemeth, WCCTAC Staff / All

*Estimated Time\*:* **10:50**, (5 minutes)

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Description / Recommendation:* Adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the TAC on Thursday, February 9, 2017. (The next regular meeting of the WCCTAC Board is Friday, January 27, 2017.)

*Estimated Time\*:* **10:55 A.M.**

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## WCCTAC TAC Meeting Minutes

El Cerrito

**MEETING DATE:** January 12, 2017

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Sarmiento, Misha Kaur, Nathan Landau, Nikki Foletta, Julia Schnell, Tamara Miller, Yvetteh Ortiz, Barbara Hawkins, Mike Roberts, John Cunningham

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**GUESTS:** Clayton Johnson (County Health Services), Shannon Beasley

**STAFF PRESENT:** John Nemeth, Joanna Pallock, Leah Greenblat

Richmond

**ACTIONS LISTED BY:** Joanna Pallock

**ADJOURN:** 11:25 a.m.

San Pablo

| ITEM/DISCUSSION                                     | ACTION/SUMMARY  |
|---|---|
| 1. Minutes  | Adopted action minutes.   |
| 2. West County High Capacity Transit Study          | Leah Greenblat ( <i>WCCTAC staff</i> ) walked the TAC through the Technical Memo #11, which was focused on the refinement of study alternatives.  |
| 3. STMP Nexus Study and Strategic Plan RFP          | Leah Greenblat ( <i>WCCTAC staff</i> ) discussed the purpose of the STMP Nexus Study and Strategic Expenditure Plan. She noted that the RFP was released and that proposals were due by the end of December. The TAC selected Yvetteh Ortiz and John Cunningham to serve on the consultant review panel.                                |
| 4. Update on OBAG 2 and Measure J Call for Projects | John Nemeth ( <i>WCCTAC staff</i> ) explained that scoring criteria for both the TLC funds and the SRTS portion of OBAG were drafted at the last TAC meeting. The draft final criteria were reviewed. The County Public Health Services staff handed out an overview of their proposed vision of an expand SRTS program in West County. |

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**TO:** WCCTAC TAC

**DATE:** January 12, 2017

**FR:** John Nemeth, Executive Director

**RE:** **Review of STMP Funding Requests**

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**REQUESTED ACTION**

Provide feedback to WCCTAC staff on its proposed recommendation to the WCCTAC Board.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

At WCCTAC’s March 2016 meeting, the Board allocated STMP funds to three regionally-beneficial projects including:

| <b>Agency</b>      | <b>Project</b>  | <b>Board’s Approved Funding Amount</b> |
|--------------------|---|--|
| City of Richmond   | Intermodal Station, East Side Improvements Project                                    | \$527,000                              |
| City of Hercules   | Path to Transit Phase of the Regional Intermodal Transit Center                       | \$1,000,000                            |
| City of El Cerrito | Ohlone Greenway BART Station Area Access, Safety and Placemaking Improvements Project | \$300,000                              |

The Board also determined that two requests that did not receive funding would get “priority consideration” in a future funding round. These include a request from BART for \$1,000,000 for the El Cerrito del Norte Station Access Improvements Project, and a request from the City of San Pablo & CCTA for \$1,000,000 to cover construction contingencies on the I-80/San Pablo Dam Road project.

The Board suggested that a future funding round should be considered by staff at the end of 2016, subject to the availability of STMP funds. The Board noted that, by this time, more information would be known about whether contingency funding for the I-80/San Pablo Dam Road project would be needed.

**Current Funding Round**

In October 2016, CCTA staff notified WCCTAC staff that funding was necessary to help cover the I-80/San Pablo Dam Road project’s construction contingency and that they would be making a formal request. To ensure that the Board could consider this request in the context of the overall West County needs, WCCTAC staff solicited STMP funding

requests from all its member agencies and other potential project sponsors. WCCTAC received three requests for STMP funding as described below. The requests themselves are included as Attachments A, B & C.

| Agency             | Project  | Amount Requested |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| CCTA               | I-80 / San Pablo Dam Road Interchange  | \$700,000        |
| BART               | El Cerrito del Norte Station Access Improvement Project                        | \$1,000,000      |
| City of El Cerrito | Ohlone Greenway BART Station Area Access, Safety and Placemaking Improvements. | \$500,000        |

**Available Funding**

The balance in the WCCTAC STMP account as of January 5, 2017 is \$1,004,600. The Board previously agreed to set aside \$250,000 for the upcoming STMP Nexus Study and Strategic Plan, and \$40,000 to cover STMP administration in FY16-17. The remaining \$714,600 are available to allocate to STMP-eligible projects.

**Evaluating Requests**

For the prior round of STMP requests, the WCCTAC-TAC established three criteria for evaluating and prioritizing projects. It recommended giving higher priority given to: 1) projects that were further in the development process, 2) projects with sponsors that have not recently received funding, to ensure a balance across agencies, and 3) projects in STMP categories that have not recently received funding, to ensure a balance across project categories.

WCCTAC staff ranked the three recent funding requests according to these criteria as follows:

***Criteria #1 - Project Readiness***

| Project Readiness |                    |      |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|
| Agency/Sponsor    | Status             | Rank |
| CCTA              | Construction       | 1    |
| BART              | Received Bids      | 2    |
| El Cerrito        | In Bidding Process | 3    |

***Criteria #2 - Sponsor Receipt of STMP Funds***

| Allocations of STMP Funds to Sponsors |                    |      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Agency/Sponsor                        | Status             | Rank |
| CCTA                                  | Last received 2004 | 1    |
| BART                                  | Last received 2015 | 2    |
| El Cerrito                            | Last received 2016 | 3    |

The ranking for criteria 2 is based on the STMP Allocation History chart below:

| STMP Allocation History |            |             |           |          |           |          |             |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
|                         | El Cerrito | Hercules    | Richmond  | BART     | EBRPD     | ACTC     | CCTA        |
| 2016                    | \$300,000  | \$1,000,000 | \$527,000 |          |           |          |             |
| 2015                    |            |             |           | \$33,771 |           |          |             |
| 2014                    |            |             |           | \$71,199 | \$1,108   |          |             |
| 2013                    |            |             |           |          | \$20,000  |          |             |
| 2012                    |            |             |           |          | \$138,728 |          |             |
| 2011                    |            | \$300,000   |           |          | \$327,529 |          |             |
| 2010                    |            |             |           |          |           |          |             |
| 2009                    |            |             |           |          |           |          |             |
| 2008                    |            |             |           |          |           | \$87,000 |             |
| 2007                    |            | \$4,693     |           |          |           |          |             |
| 1998-2004               |            |             | \$135,391 |          |           |          | \$2,100,435 |

**Criteria #3 - Funding by Categories (as a Share of Funds)**

This table above shows the amount of funding that has already been provided to eligible STMP project categories as a share of the total funding programmed.

| STMP Funding Category  |                     |      |
|--|---------------------|------|
| STMP Category  | Share of Funds Used | Rank |
| #2 I-80 / San Pablo Dam Road<br>I-80 / Central Ave.<br>Hwy 4 and Willow Ave. | 0%                  | 1    |
| #5 BART Access & Parking   | 0%                  | 1    |
| #11 Del Norte TOD<br>Improvements  | 4.3%                | 3    |

**Evaluation Totals and Ranking**

The project rankings for each of the TAC’s criteria above were added together for an overall score that was then placed in rank order.

| Total of Combined Criteria |             |      |
|----------------------------|-------------|------|
| Agency/Sponsor             | Total Score | Rank |
| CCTA                       | 3           | 1    |
| BART                       | 5           | 2    |
| El Cerrito                 | 9           | 3    |

The highest rank was for the CCTA project, followed by the BART project, followed by the El Cerrito project.



As a result, WCCTAC staff is recommending that the Board:

- 1) fund the CCTA request for \$700,000 for the I-80 / San Pablo Dam Road project, given its high ranking and urgency, and;
- 2) prioritize the BART request for the El Cerrito Del Norte project in a future STMP funding round. Prioritization would mean that this specific project would be considered a top priority. The specific amount to allocate to BART in the future would depend on funding availability as well as the outcome of BART's pursuit of Measure J TLC or other funds that could be used in lieu of STMP funds.

Staff suggests that WCCTAC revisit the STMP allocation process in the summer of 2017, subject to the availability of funds. This will allow some time for the STMP balance to grow again. By this time, there will also be more information available about whether these funds will still be needed by BART for this project.

**Attachments**

- A: Request from CCTA
- B: Request from BART
- C: Request from the City of El Cerrito



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December 21, 2016

John Nemeth  
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Re: Request for \$700,000 in STMP fees for I-80/San Pablo Dam Road – Phase 1

Dear John:

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (Authority) is requesting \$700,000 in West Contra Costa Sub-regional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) fees to complete the construction of I-80/San Pablo Dam Road – Phase 1.

This regionally important project, led by the Authority on behalf of the City of San Pablo, will reconstruct the existing I-80/San Pablo Dam Road interchange (including modifications to the El Portal Drive and McBryde Avenue ramps) and provide improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities across I-80. To match available funding, the project will be completed in two phases. The first phase, which is underway, will relocate the El Portal Drive on-ramp to westbound I-80 to the north, extend the auxiliary lane along westbound I-80 between San Pablo Dam Road off-ramp and El Portal Drive on-ramp, and reconstruct the Riverside Avenue pedestrian overcrossing. The second phase, which is currently unfunded, will replace the I-80/San Pablo Dam Road interchange and modify the McBryde Avenue off-ramp.

The Authority signed the construction contract for Phase 1 on December 7, 2015 and construction activities began on January 21, 2016. The new Riverside Avenue pedestrian overcrossing was opened to the public on October 25, 2016 and the demolition of the old pedestrian overcrossing is now complete. Work on new El Portal Drive on-ramp is expected to be completed in early 2017, weather permitting.

Approximately \$7.1 million is earmarked to the project in the STMP program and neither the Authority nor the City of San Pablo received STMP funds in the past. The current cost of Phase 1 is \$41.8 million which is \$700,000 over available funding. Fund sources that have been secured by the Authority for Phase 1 include \$13.1 million in Measure J funds, \$3 million in City of San Pablo local funds, \$8 million in Regional Measure 2 (RM2) funds, \$15 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, \$2 million in Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds, and if approved by WCCTAC, \$700,000 in STMP fees.

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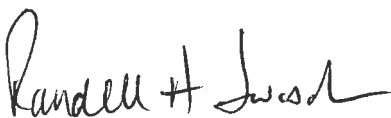
The project cost overruns are due to several reasons:

- A recent mandated change in the asphalt pavement mix in regard to the use of recycled aggregates.
- Significant utility conflicts and additional unknown utilities requiring work-arounds, and resulting in schedule delays.
- Utility relocation delays by utility owners impacting the schedule.
- Restricted work hours in order to reduce traffic impacts and minimize construction noise to residents in the area.
- Modifications to the design to respond to field conditions.

Early in 2016, WCCTAC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) ranked Phase 1 of the I-80/San Pablo Dam Road interchange project No. 1 on the list of projects being considered for STMP allocation. The ranking was based on the state of readiness, amount of other funds being leveraged (\$41.1 million), and the fact that the project sponsor never received STMP funds in the past. Although it did not receive funding at the time, WCCTAC Board requested that a special consideration be given to the project when it allocates STMP funds in the future.

Should you have any questions about this request, please contact Hisham Noeimi at (925) 256-4731. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Randell H. Iwasaki, P.E.  
Executive Director

Attachment

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|------------------|---|
| <b>Project</b>   | <b>Interstate 80/San Pablo Dam Road Interchange Improvements (# 7002)</b> |
| <b>Sponsor</b>   | City of San Pablo/Contra Costa Transportation Authority                   |
| <b>Subregion</b> | West County   |

**Scope**

Reconstruct the existing I-80/San Pablo Dam Road interchange (including modifications to the El Portal Drive and McBryde Avenue ramps) and provide improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

To match available funding, the project will be completed in two phases. The first phase will relocate the El Portal Drive on-ramp to westbound I-80 to the north, extend the auxiliary lane along westbound I-80 between San Pablo Dam Road off-ramp and El Portal Drive on-ramp, and reconstruct the Riverside Avenue pedestrian overcrossing. Remaining improvements will be completed as part of the second phase when funding becomes available.

**Status**

- Construction contract for Phase 1 was signed on December 7, 2015.
- Construction began on January 21, 2016 and is targeted for completion in early 2017; weather dependent.

**Issues/Areas of Concern**

- Staff is coordinating with the City of San Pablo to determine EBMUD’s responsibility for the relocation cost of a water main along El Portal Drive.
- Utility conflicts, differing site conditions, mandated changes in pavement mix, and imposed restrictions on work hours have increased construction cost for Phase 1.
- Phase 2 has a significant funding shortfall.

**Update from Previous Quarterly Report**

- Construction activities are now 80% complete as of October 31, 2016.
- The new pedestrian overcrossing opened to the public on October 25, 2016.
- Final full freeway closure, to demolish the old pedestrian overcrossing span over I-80, was successfully completed on November 6, 2016.
- Paving work was started on November 5, 2016 and damage to Riverside Avenue caused by EBMUD waterline break was repaired.
- Amendment No. 1 to Utility Agreement with PG&E was approved by the Board on November 16, 2016.
- Project cost has been updated and revision to the contract allotment (resolution 15-57-P) was approved by the Board in December 2016.

**Location**



**Schedule**

|                                  | Dates     |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                  | Phase 1   | Phase 2   |
| Preliminary Studies/<br>Planning | Complete  | Complete  |
| Environmental Clearance          | Complete  | Complete  |
| Design                           | Complete  | 2017-2018 |
| Right of Way and Utilities       | Complete  | 2018-2019 |
| Construction                     | 2015-2017 | 2020-2022 |
| Landscaping                      | —         | 2022-2023 |

**Estimated Cost by Project Phase (\$ 000s)**

|                            | Amount          |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                            | Phase 1         | Phase 2         |
| Project Management         | \$376           | \$200           |
| Environmental Clearance    | 2,239           | —               |
| Design                     | 6,691           | 2,015           |
| Right of Way and Utilities | 8,364           | 14,000          |
| Construction               | 21,182          | 56,500          |
| Construction Management    | 3,031           | 8,035           |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$41,883</b> | <b>\$80,750</b> |

**Funding by Source (\$ 000s)**

|              | Amount          |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|              | Phase 1         | Phase 2         |
| Measure J    | \$13,049        | —               |
| Local City   | 3,000           | —               |
| STIP-PPM     | 9               | —               |
| STIP         | 15,000          | \$9,200         |
| RM2          | 8,000           | —               |
| ATP          | 2,000           | —               |
| WCCTAC       | 700**           | 6,400           |
| EBMUD        | 125             | —               |
| TBD          | —               | 65,150          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$41,884</b> | <b>\$80,750</b> |

\*\* Funding request to be presented at January 2017 WCCTAC meeting.



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Dear Mr. Nemeth,

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The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District requests \$1.0 million in Sub-regional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) funds for the El Cerrito del Norte Station Access Improvement Project. The project would improve access to the station for those arriving by all modes of transportation, including car, bus, walking and cycling. Enhancements to the Ohlone Greenway would also help to reduce vehicle-miles traveled, and would foster a healthy, active and more connected community.

**El Cerrito del Norte Station Access Improvement Project**

The project will expand and enhance a segment of the Ohlone Greenway on the east side of the station into a pedestrian promenade, featuring seating, additional trees, a raised crosswalk, and improvements to the bus drop-off lane. The Ohlone Greenway is a five-mile pedestrian and bicycle path running alongside the elevated tracks of the Richmond BART line from Berkeley to Richmond, linking housing and job centers to transit throughout the communities of Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito and Richmond. In order to enable expansion of the Greenway, the project includes redesigning and moving the BART station passenger drop-off area, which currently runs parallel and adjacent to the Ohlone Greenway, to the parking lot on the west side of the station.

This project is part of BART's larger Station Modernization Program, through which BART is investing resources and effort to expand and upgrade the existing core stations and surrounding areas to advance transit ridership and enhance quality of life. The El Cerrito del Norte Station is one of the first stations that will be modernized as part of this program. The goal of the El Cerrito del Norte Modernization project is to upgrade and modernize the station's function, safety, capacity, sustainability, and appearance, and improve the customer and employee experience. The long-term vision is to transform the station into a setting for community interaction and a place that accommodates a variety of activities. In addition, the station will serve as a catalyst for improving the surrounding community as well as spur local economic development and increased transit use. The Station Modernization project will create more of a "sense of place" for the station, both as a unique community asset as well as a destination.

Furthermore, BART and the City of El Cerrito are currently coordinating on a number of planning efforts which are complimentary to this project. The City's Complete Streets Plan and San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan call for the conversion of Cutting Blvd and Hill Street from one-way to two-way streets as well as other enhancements to the Ohlone Greenway. BART and the City will continue to coordinate on the design and construction of these improvements.



### **STMP Considerations**

The proposed improvements included in the Station Access Improvement Project fall under STMP Project Category 5: BART Access and/or Parking Improvements, which was allocated \$25,330,000 in STMP funding in the 2005 STMP Update for WCCTAC Final Report. To date, BART has not requested any funds from this category.

At its Board Meeting on April 22, 2016, the WCCTAC Board allocated STMP funding to 3 projects from the list of STMP Project Categories, and prioritized BART's El Cerrito del Norte Station Access Improvement Project as one of the next projects to receive funding once additional impact fees were collected through the STMP program. Now is a critical time for BART to receive funding for this valuable project.

### **Project Funding**

BART has identified over \$29 million, including \$11 million in Measure J BART Parking and Access funds, to fund the El Cerrito del Norte Station Modernization project, for which construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2017. Other funds include state Proposition 1B funds, and BART parking revenues.

In September 2016, BART issued a request for proposals for the El Cerrito del Norte Station Modernization project, and has received several bids. The Station Access Improvement Project is currently an unfunded option to the construction bid, at a cost of \$4,131,000. BART recently applied for

the full amount needed for this project -- \$4,131,000 -- in competitive Measure J funds through CCTA's Coordinated Call for Projects. CCTA will announce grant award winners in June 2017.

If awarded the full amount needed to implement the project by CCTA, BART can exercise the option available through the current station modernization contract to implement the Access Improvement Project, thereby taking advantage of cost and construction efficiencies. However, if BART is unable to assemble the full \$4.1 million needed for this project, BART will lose the price and timing advantages afforded by exercising the option in the Station Modernization contract. This option is only available for one year following the Notice to Proceed (NTP). Therefore, the El Cerrito del Norte Station Access Improvement Project is dependent on funding from this and other sources to move forward.


#### **STMP Request**

Consistent with BART's previous STMP request, BART again requests \$1.0 million in STMP funds under Category 5 for this project. As stated above, BART must identify the full amount of \$4,131,000 for the project within one year of the NTP, or by late Fall 2017, in order to maximize the cost and construction efficiencies. If the Station Access Improvement Project were to be bid separately from the Modernization project, costs would greatly increase through introducing redundancies in administrative and other indirect costs. Therefore, now is a critical time to provide funding for this project in order to take advantage of the Modernization project funding and timeframe.

We understand that STMP funds are also being requested for the San Pablo Dam Road Interchange project, which has an urgent deadline. If that project is awarded STMP funds in this round, we request that BART be guaranteed funds in the next round, and that the distribution of funds be coordinated with our option execution deadline.

We appreciate your consideration in awarding STMP funds for this valuable, community enhancing project.

Sincerely,



Nicole Foletta, AICP  
Principal Planner  
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

Dear John,

This email is to request STMP funds for the construction of the Ohlone Greenway BART Station Area Access, Safety and Placemaking Improvements (Ohlone ASP) Project, City Project No. C3076, Federal Project No. CML-5239(025). The project improvements fall under STMP Project Category 11: Del Norte Area TOD Public Improvements. The required information for this request is provided below.

**Brief description of the project**

The Ohlone ASP Project will improve the Ohlone Greenway, a regional Class I path, at and next to El Cerrito Plaza and del Norte BART Stations. The project will improve and widen the mixed-use path; upgrade and expand existing crosswalks on adjacent streets to create high visibility pedestrian zones with new striping, special pavement, improved signage, curb bulb-outs, upgraded curb ramps and flashing lights; enhance landscaping, lighting, seating, gateway features and other amenities; and upgrade and expand the existing camera surveillance system to three key nodes next to the Greenway. The goals of the project are to improve bicycle and pedestrian routes leading to transit, commercial nodes and housing; bring new vibrancy to the areas around the BART Stations to encourage housing development specifically within a regionally-designated Priority Development Area; increase safety and accessibility for BART riders and Greenway users; and improve the integration of the BART Stations with the surrounding community.

**Status of that project**

The City advertised the project for bids in November 2016, and opened bids on December 15, 2016. We received three bids, but unfortunately all were significantly over the Engineer's Estimate of \$2.7 by at least \$1.5 million, representing about 56% over the Engineer's Estimate. We structured the bids with several additive and deductive items. However, the lowest Base Bid was also over by a similar amount. As a result, we will be requesting that City Council reject all bids. The three bids will provide us an opportunity to reevaluate, value-engineer and restructure the project. We plan on seeking some additional funding, such as STMP, and rebid the project in the first quarter of 2017.

**Amount being requested**

We are currently requesting \$500,000 in STMP fees to partially cover the shortfall for the construction of the base components of the Ohlone ASP Project.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information. We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Regards,

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